

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Assessment Grant

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Village of Valley Falls for a brownfields assessment grant. Site-specific hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments at the Old Thompson Mill at 273 Poplar Street. The 23-acre site was an active textile mill for over 100 years, employing processes such as fabric dyeing and manufacturing until 1992, when the site was abandoned. A major fire in 2009 damaged the remaining buildings. Grant funds also will be used to prepare a cleanup plan and conduct community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

EPA Region 2 Brownfields Team (212) 637-3283 EPA Region 2 Brownfields Web site (https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-and-land-revitalization-new-jersey-n ew-york-puerto-rico-and-us-virgin)

Grant Recipient: Village of Valley Falls, NY (518) 753-6230

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